This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

14. (currently amended) A method for ~~establishing communication~~ communicating between a hearing device for listening to first audio signals and an individual carrying said device, ~~said device having an electrical/mechanical output converter and an acoustical input, said output converter being driven with a first electrical signal dependent on acoustical signals impinging on said acoustical input~~, said method comprising the steps of:

- applying to said output converter at least one second electrical signal representing at least one second audio signal of predetermined duration for notifying the user of a status of said hearing device; and
- selecting said second audio signal ~~being selectable~~ by said individual.

15. (canceled).

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of storing said at least one second audio signal on a user exchangeable storage element.

Claims 17-19 (canceled).

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of storing said at least one second audio signal in a storage unit and operationally connecting said storage unit and said hearing device by a wireless link.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of providing said electro/mechanical output converter as a loudspeaker and wherein said generating said at least one second audio signal is generated so that it is audible by an individual remote from said hearing device.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein ~~further comprising the step of providing~~ more than one second audio signal is provided and further wherein said selecting a second audio signal to be activated is provided in a menu-controlled manner.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 22, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the step of performing said selecting is done via a remote communication unit for said hearing device.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of establishing a wireless communication between said communication unit and said hearing device.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 23, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the step of performing said selecting is done in a speech controlled manner.

26. (previously presented) A hearing device system with at least one hearing device, said hearing device comprising:

a signal processing unit with an output being operationally connected to an input of an electrical/mechanical converter; and

a generator unit the output of which is also operationally connected to said input of said converter, said generator unit including a user

exchangeable storage with at least one user selectable audio signal for signifying a status of the system.

27. (currently amended) A hearing device system comprising:

at least one hearing device, said hearing device including:

an electrical/mechanical converter; and

a signal processing unit with an output being operationally connected to an input of said electrical/mechanical converter;[[,]] and ~~said system further comprising~~

a generator unit the output of which is operationally connected to the input of said electrical/mechanical converter, said generator unit including a user writable read/write storage unit with signals representing audio signals ~~and~~ for storing user selectable signals according to user defined audio signal sequences of predetermined extent to be output by said generator unit for notifying a user of a status of the system.

Claims 28-31. (canceled).

32. (previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein a writing input of said read/write storage is operationally connected or is operationally connectable to a signal source of audio signals.

33. (previously presented) The system of claim 32, wherein said signal source is an audio playback unit or is a unit with internet connection.

34. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~26 or~~ 27, further comprising a display unit for at least one of a visual or speech controlled menu, said display unit being operationally connected or connectable to a signal generator generating control signals for said device to said generator unit.

35. (previously presented) The system of claim 34, wherein said display unit is for speech control and ~~having~~ has an output which is operationally connected to said input of said electrical/mechanical converter of said hearing device.

36 (new): A method of acknowledging to an individual carrying a hearing device, said hearing device having:

an acoustical/electrical input converter unit having an output;

a signal processing unit having an input and an output; and

an electrical/mechanical output converter arrangement having an input, wherein

said output of said input converter is operationally connected to said input of said signal processing unit, the output thereof being operationally connected to said input of said output converter arrangement, said method comprising the steps of:

generating an acknowledgement control signal in said hearing device whenever a predetermined status of said hearing device is reached; and

initiating an acknowledgement audio signal according to said acknowledgement control signal to be applied to said input of said output converter, wherein

said audio signal is made selectable by the individual.

37 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein said acknowledgement audio signal is stored on a user exchangeable storage.

38 (new): The method of claim 37, wherein said user-exchangeable storage is applied to said hearing device.

39 (new): The method of claim 37, wherein said user-exchangeable storage is a read-only storage.

40 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein said hearing device further has a storage unit for storing said audio signal.

41 (new): The method of claim 36, further comprising a storage unit for said audio signals remote from said hearing device and establishing at least one of a wireless or of a wired communication between said hearing device and said storage unit.

42 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein more than one of said audio signals are provided and wherein said user selectability comprises selecting which of said audio signals is initiated by said acknowledgement control signal.

43 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein said audio signal is applied to said output converter of said hearing device so as to be audible even as said hearing device is not applied to an individual.

44 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein pre-selection of said audio signal is performed in a menu-controlled manner.

45 (new): The method of claim 36, further comprising the

step of pre-selecting said audio signal via a communication unit remote from said hearing device.

46 (new): The method of claim 45, wherein there is established a wireless communication between said communication unit and said hearing device.

47 (new): The method of claim 45, wherein said pre-selection of said audio signal is performed at said communication unit in a menu-controlled manner by means of at least one of visual and speech menu indications.

48 (new): The method of claim 47, wherein said menu is communicated to said individual via said hearing device as a menu indication by voice.

49 (new): The method of claim 36, wherein said pre-selection of said audio signal is performed in a speech-controlled manner.

50 (new): A system comprising at least one hearing device, said hearing device including:

an electrical/mechanical input converter arrangement having an output;

a signal processing unit having an input and an output;

an electrical/mechanical output converter arrangement having an input; and

a generator unit having:

an audio signal storage unit, the content thereof being selectable by a user; and

an output operationally connected to said input of said output converter arrangement;

wherein said output of said input converter arrangement is operationally connected to said input of said signal processing unit, and wherein

said output of said signal processing unit is operationally connected to one of said input and another input of said output converter arrangement, and further wherein

said hearing device generates at least one acknowledgement control signal when a predetermined status of said hearing device is achieved, and still further wherein

said generator unit applies said audio signal to said output converter arrangement when initiated by said acknowledgement control signal of said hearing device.

51 (new): The system of claim 50, said hearing device further comprising a manually operated switching member, wherein said acknowledgement control signal is initiated by said switching member.

52 (new): The system of claim 50, said generator unit further including an addressing input for said audio signal, said acknowledgement control signal addressing via said addressing input said audio signal.

53 (new): The system of claim 52, further comprising a remote control unit for said hearing device, wherein said acknowledgement control signal is initiated by a control action for said hearing device by said remote control unit.

54 (new): The system of claim 53, wherein said remote control unit is operationally connected to said hearing device via at least one of a wired and of a wireless communication

link.

55 (new): The system of claim 50, wherein said generator is integrated in said hearing device.

56 (new): The system of claim 50, wherein said generator unit is remote from said hearing device and there is provided a wired and/or wireless communication link between said hearing device and said generator unit.

57 (new): The system of claim 56, wherein said generator unit is connectable to the internet.

58 (new): The system of claim 50, further comprising a display unit for displaying at least one of a visually and of a speech controlled menu, said display unit being operationally connected or connectable to said generator unit and to said hearing device for establishing which of more than one of said audio signals shall be initiated by said acknowledgement control signal and/or which of more than one acknowledgement control signals shall initiate said audio signal.

59 (new): The system of claim 58, wherein said display unit has an output for audio menu information signals, said output being operationally connected to said output converter of said hearing device.